



# Standards Coordination and Documentation of Needs

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# What is the Objective?

- Pick Your Nose!!!

Resolving  
Standards and  
Activities to  
Benefit Industry



# Analysis of Standards

- Strengths

- Heavily Relied on by Asset Owners
- Developed by actual USERS of the systems
- Beyond the theoretical and in to the practical

- Opportunities

- Accelerate these efforts as much as possible
- Sooner consistent information is available, sooner we benefit industry

- Weaknesses

- Largely volunteer based
- Long time to complete
- Implementation is open to interpretation
- “Multiple Versions of the Truth

- Threats

- Too many efforts
- Detracting Efforts
- “Not enough Experts”
- Consensus based

# Standards SHOULD Be

- Easy to Implement
  - Consistent, PRACTICAL guidance
  - Vetted through industry to ensure applicability
  - As few of sources as possible
- Consistent with Legislation
- Consistent with Each Other

## Standards Should NOT Be:

- Opportunity for Immediate Commercial Gain
  - Conflict of Interest
  - Too many people trying to “kill” a standards effort
  - Commercialization will come, focus on content first
- “A Self Licking Ice Cream Cone”
  - Of benefit only to those doing the effort
  - Material should be widely available and published

# Challenges

- Many Standards Efforts Out there, each with unique takes
- We May Likely Face, “Multiple Versions of the Truth”
- Standards take a long time to develop, are often primarily from volunteers and good stewards
- Efforts should be made to accelerate standards efforts as much as possible.

# Documentation of Needs

- Consistent GUIDANCE between standards leaders
  - Maintain Scope, Purpose, and Outline for standard for easy comparison
- MINIMIZE parallel efforts
- Deprecate non-value add interest groups or activities
  - If there is no market or a concept, move on

## As Example from ISA SP-99

- 260+ Members from most major industries
- Leadership is split apx 50-50% by vendors and asset owners
- Maintain an overall outline and process by which new material is considered
- Maintain liaison relationships with other standards bodies to communicate effectively
- Special interests are considered for a short time. If they are consistent with the vision of ISA SP-99, changes are made. Otherwise, the effort is sidelined.
- Leadership meets consistently to review objectives and activities



# Summary of Opinions

- Rather than Create MORE activities:
  - Focus on those that are the most comprehensive and complete
  - Rely on special interest groups for special needs
- Do not over-correct
  - “9 Women to have a baby in One Month” syndrome
- Maintain Liaison Relationships and request guidance documents from each standard

LISTEN.  
THINK.  
SOLVE.<sup>SM</sup>

# Questions?

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